

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A rigid ring-like article of manufacture capable of being worn as jewelry such as a ring on a finger or wrist of a human for adornment, having a circumferential axis; a triangular-shaped cross section at every cross-sectional location taken transverse to the circumferential axis; the cross section having three sides and three vertexes throughout the circumferential axis; the cross section being a 120° rotation of the triangular shape about the circumferential axis, through a distance of one complete circumference of the ring;

wherein

a single continuous, endless surface forms all three sides of the triangular cross section, and a singular continuous, endless ridge forms each of the three vertexes where the sides of the triangular cross section meet and wherein the endless ridge is also on the interior surface of the ring and forms an interior internal thread capable of screwing or unscrewing the ring onto, or off of, the finger or wrist.

2. (Previously Presented) The rigid ring-like article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the rotation of the cross sectional shape in one complete circumference about the circumferential axis is a multiple of 120° that is not 360° or a multiple of 360° or divisible integrally by 360°.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The rigid ring-like article of manufacture of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the rotational position of the triangular cross section is uniform throughout the circumferential axis of the ring.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The rigid ring-like article of manufacture of claim 1 wherein the triangular-shaped cross section has sides of equal length.

8-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) The rigid ring-like article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ring-like article of manufacture is constructed of metal.

13. (Previously Presented) The rigid ring-like article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ring-like article of manufacture is constructed of wood.

14. (Previously Presented) The rigid ring-like article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ring-like article of manufacture is constructed of ceramic.

15. (Previously Presented) The rigid ring-like article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ring-like article of manufacture is constructed of rigid plastic.

16. (Previously Presented) The rigid ring-like article of manufacture as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ring-like article of manufacture cannot be rotated by hand about its circumferential axis.

17. (New) A rigid article of manufacture capable of being worn as jewelry such as a ring on a finger or wrist of a human for adornment, the rigid article of manufacture having a substantially ring-like shape and a circumferential axis; a triangular-shaped cross section at every cross-sectional location taken transverse to the circumferential axis; each cross section having three sides and three vertexes; at least one of the cross sections having sides of equal length; each of the cross sections in combination forming a single continuous side and a single continuous ridge; the ridge undergoing a displacement by an angle about the circumferential axis that is equal to 120° or a multiple of 120° but not 360° or a multiple of 360° or divisible integrally by 360° through a single traversal of the substantially ring-like shape;

wherein

the endless ridge is exposed at least partially to the interior of the rigid article of manufacture and forms an interior internal thread capable of assisting screwing or unscrewing the ring onto, or off of, the finger or wrist.

18. (New) The rigid article of manufacture of claim 17 wherein at least one of the cross sections has exactly two sides of equal length.

19. (New) The rigid article of manufacture of claim 17 wherein at least one of the cross sections has no sides of equal length.

20. (New) The rigid article of manufacture of claim 17 wherein one of the cross sections has sides of equal length, and every other cross section has at least two sides of unequal length.

21. (New) The rigid article of manufacture as claimed in claim 17 wherein the ring-like article of manufacture cannot be rotated by hand about its circumferential axis.

22. (New) The rigid article of manufacture as claimed in claim 17 wherein at least one of the at least one cross sections having sides of equal length being located along the circumferential axis approximately half the distance along the circumferential axis around the substantially ring-like shape from another cross section having sides of equal length.

23. (New) The rigid article of manufacture as claimed in claim 17 wherein the displacement of the ridge occurs at a uniform rate around the substantially ring-like shape.

24. (New) The rigid article of manufacture as claimed in claim 17 wherein the displacement of the ridge occurs at a non-uniform rate around the substantially ring-like shape.

25. (New) The rigid article of manufacture as claimed in claim 17 wherein the rigid article of manufacture is constructed of at least one of metal, wood, ceramic, and rigid plastic.